

1 State of Maryland. If you leave that in there, what you  
2 are saying in effect is, We are going to keep the same 23  
3 counties and Baltimore City.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Ad infinitum.

5 MR. MELVIN: Why is that necessarily so?

6 DR. LOEVY: Because, as she points out, it is  
7 virtually impossible to carve 400 square miles out of an  
8 existing county and not leave the old county less than 400  
9 square miles.

10 MR. MELVIN: How about the number of inhabitants?  
11 Is there any virtue in restricting that?

12 DR. LOEVY: I don't feel we want to restrict  
13 the Legislature in any way. I support Dean Fordham. I  
14 wrote this entire thing to appease the Commission.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: I am glad to have gotten that  
16 on the record.

17 DEAN FORDHAM: It is on the record.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: It is on the record all right.  
19 I am glad to have gotten that one.

20 Actually if we are going to, Mr. Melvin, if you  
21 are going to be so confident, I don't want to quite sound